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Pension application of John Felkins S39517
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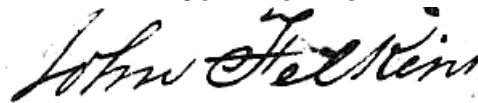
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State of Tennessee
Overton County

On the 25th day of October 1830. personally appeared in open court, it being a court of record having the power of fine and imprisonment, and proceeding according to the [?] of the common law for the County of Overton aforesaid John Felkins resident in said County aged seventy one years – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of 18th of March 1818 and on the 1st of May 1820 that the said John Felkins enlisted for the Term of three years on the [blank in original] day of [blank in original] 1777 in the State of Virginia in the comany [sic – company] Comanded by Captain Payton in the Regiment commanded first by Col Marshal and afterwards by Col [Hath?] in the line of the State of Virginia on the land Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps until some time in the year 1780. He got no discharge, having been wounded in nine different places at the battle at Blueford [Buford, probably Buford's Defeat also known as the Battle of the Waxhaws], and was let [sic, leff] there unable to travel, and having faithfully served the full term of three years and more – on recovering sufficient strength, made his way home, there being no officer to apply to for a discharge that he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension except the present – that his name is not on the rolls of any State except as herein stated, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier aplication [sic] for a pension that is to say some time about the year 1819 he employed counsel to prepare his aplication [sic] and arrange his papers so that he might obtain the pension. His Counsel made some attempts to do so but at last it could not be obtained. He further states that being poor as well as old and infirm and somewhat disheartened by means of the failure aforesaid he made no further aplication [sic] until the year 1829 being in a state of sufferance, he was advised to renew his aplication [sic] and by the gratuitous assistance of Counsel he again made a declaration [schedule?] and forwarded it on to the war department [office?] to obtain his pension but his aplication [sic] was refused on account of some in[?] in the proceedings and the papers were not returned to him again until since the last sessions of said Court for Overton County aforesaid He further states that from the first time he was informed of the provisions of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 up to this Time, he has used his utmost exertions to procure a pension, and believes that the reasons of failure is to be alone ascribed to the difficulty that attends the forming[?] a declaration according to the rules prescribed by the department. – And in pursuance of the acts of Congress of 1st of May 1820. I do solemnly swear that I was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March

1818 and that I have not since that time by [unreadable] or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with in [unreadable] thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an did to provide for certain pension engage in the land and naval services of the United States in the revolutionary war, passed on the 18th day of march 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or sec[?] contracts or deeds due me, nor any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. – I have no interest in any Real estate whatsoever---The following is a list of my personal property [?] – necessary bedding [sic] and clothing excepted – one small mare about fifteen years of age worth about thirty dollars – one cow and two small heifers worth about fifteen dollars one sow and six pigs worth about five dollars – one shovel plough and one bull tongue worth about two dollars. One chopping axe worth about one dollar and seventy five cents – One three quarter auger worth seventy five cents – One small hoe worth fifty cents one pot one kettle and one dutch oven worth about six dollars and one iron [?] worth about seventy five cents making about sixty one dollars and twenty five cents.

John Felkins



I have no debts owing to me of any kind I am by occupation a farmer but I am now almost entirely unable to labour being about seventy one years of age and much afflicted with a brest [sic] complaint and so crippled in one of my legs that I am unable to get about to labour and have been by reason of it for about five years. I have only one in family who now resides with me (towit my wife about sixty eight years of age – she is infirm and unable to labour and I can conscientiously say that I stand in need of the bounty of my [?] – The following is the amount of property owned by me on the 18th of march 1818 a mare worth about \$30 and cow and calf worth about \$8.00. one two year old heifer worth about \$3.00 about seven or eight head of hogs worth \$[?] one plough worth about \$1.25. two small [hoes?] worth about one dollar one three quarter auger worth about fifty cents one iron wedge worth about seventy five cents and chopping axe worth about one dollar and fifty cents one [axe?] worth about \$1.00. one kettle worth about \$[3?].00 one pot worth \$2.00 making in all \$64.00 the mare cow and calf died and the hogs were made use of to support my family [unreadable section]

Sworn to and declared on this 26th day of October 1830 before the Court of Overton County aforesaid when sitting

Wm Gore (clerk)

This day appeared in open court Martin Felkins and Reuben Felkins [Respected] men Citizens of said county of Overton who first being duly sworn saith that the statement in the foregoing declaration made by John Felkins believe to be true

that they have been acquainted with the situation of the said – John Felkins for a considerable time past that he is Entitled to full credits on his Oath in a Court of Justice and that they were acquainted with his circumstances on the first 1st of March 1818 and since – that he was always since they knew him a very poor man and that they believe the schedule rendered herewith contains the whole amount of his property at a fair valuation – having a knowledge of the facts as stated by him in the foregoing declaration

Sworn to and declared on the 26th day of October 1830 before the Court of Overton County aforesaid when sitting

William Gore clerk
of Overton County aforesaid

I William Gore clerk of the Court of pleas and [??] for the County of Overton aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the said John Felkins did serve in the revolutionary war as stated for the term of three years made one engagement on the land can [??] establishment. I also certify that the foregoing as[??] the schedule [??] acquired are truly copied from the records of the said court and I as further certify that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount of the value of the property [??] in the aforesaid schedule is \$61 and 25 cents [*unreadable section*] whereof I have herein set my hand and affixed the seal of the [said?] court on this 26th day of October 1830

William Gore clerk
of Overton County aforesaid

Added by Will Graves 1/14/13

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that John Felkins was enlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia line in June 1777 for three years was wounded and taken prisoner at Colo. Bufords defeat until the General liberation of Prisoners took place since signing the Confirmatory Articles of Peace.

Given under my hand this 20th of August 1783

S/ James Wood
Colo. 1 V Regt.

A Copy
J. Pendleton Jr